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### SANITARY LEGISLATION.

# STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

#### RHODE ISLAND.

#### Appropriations for State Board of Health. (Chap. 926, Act Apr. 23, 1913.)

Section 1. The following sums or so much thereof as may be authorized by law are hereby appropriated to the objects hereinafter expressed, for the fiscal year ending on the 31st day of December, 1913, to be paid out of the several appropriations herein mentioned; and the State auditor is hereby authorized to draw his orders for such portion thereof as may be required from time to time, upon the receipt by him of properly authenticated vouchers. \* \* \* To the secretary of the State board of health, \$1,700. \* \* \* For the State board of health, \$17,000.

#### Medicines—Distribution of Samples of. (Chap. 938, Act of Apr. 29, 1913.)

Section 1. No person shall, by himself or his servant or agent, sell, distribute, or give away in any street or highway, or from house to house, any bottle, box, envelope, or package containing any liquid medicine or any pills, powder, tablets, or other article which contains any drug or poison: *Provided, however*, That the provisions of this act shall not apply to any person acting as a member, officer, or agent of any pharmaceutical house in the distribution of samples of its products to physicians.

SEC. 2. Any person, whether acting for himself or another, or as member, officer, or agent of any partnership or corporation, who shall violate any of the provisions of this act shall be fined not more than \$50, or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

#### Communicable Diseases. (Chap. 939, Act of Apr. 29, 1913.)

SECTION 1. Chapter 110 of the General Laws, entitled "Of regulations for the prevention of infectious and contagious diseases," is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section.

"Sec. 35. Contagious or infectious disease or distemper as referred to in this chapter shall include every disease or distemper which the State board of health shall consider communicable. 'Suitable quarantine' shall be considered as meaning the isolation of the person or persons having the disease or distemper, and of such other persons as may by contact or association with the affected person become, in the judgment of the State board of health, carriers of contagion, the period of time, the manner of such isolation, and the method of cleansing and disinfection shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations made from time to time by said board."

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.